

City of

HURST TEXAS

POLICE DEPARTMENT



MEDIA RELEASE

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Topic: Rabies Alert for Hurst

On November 12, 2016, Hurst Animal Services personnel responded to a report of a skunk in the 2100 block of Precinct Line Road. Upon arrival, the responding Animal Services Officer was able to capture the skunk a short distance away. We believe the same skunk was seen earlier in the day in the 700 block of Grapevine Highway. The skunk showed no sign of fear or defensive behavior, leading Animal Services personnel to suspect it might be rabid. The skunk was euthanized and later tested positive for rabies through the Texas Department of State Health Services lab in Austin, Texas.

Vaccination of all cats and dogs is required by state law and is the first line of defense against human infection. We urge every cat and dog owner to have all of their animals vaccinated and to keep vaccinations up to date. Please see your veterinarian for more information on rabies vaccination.

Hurst Animal Services is reminding residents that anyone who has contact with wild animals should use caution. Carefully observe any pets that may have been in contact with any wild animal. Residents are advised to always keep their pets under personal control and observation when out-of-doors.

Anyone observing any animal they suspect to be rabid should avoid contact. Common symptoms of rabies include, but are not limited to: lethargy, fever, vomiting, anorexia, full or partial paralysis, seizures, excessive salivation, aggression, difficulty breathing or swallowing, or other abnormal behavior.

Anyone believing they have observed or come in contact with any animal they believe may be rabid should contact Hurst Animal Services 817-788-7216 or the Texas Department of State Health Services Zoonosis Control Program at 512-776-7255.

For additional information, please contact:

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817.788.7216